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News worth sharing.

Four dead, including two children, after house fire in West Kildonan

► Lone resident in adjoining home evacuated safely ► Fire believed to have started in the basement of the house

A woman, her daughter and two granddaughters are dead and a baby is clinging to life after a side-by-side caught fire in West Kildonan Tuesday night.

The fire was reported at about 8:30 p.m. and firefighters showed up at 11 Woodlark Place to find thick black smoke pouring from the home.

While firefighters managed to pull all five residents from the house, four died in hospital from smoke inhalation.

Neighbours tell Metro Winnipeg the family had moved to Canada from Pakistan and was a fixture in the community. The children's father worked multiple jobs and was not home when the fire broke out.

Bryce Daniels, 21, who lives in the side-by-side neighbouring the site of the fire, was just getting off work when her father called her.

Daniels said the older of the two girls, Fayza Sadiq, 8, was like "a leader" to a group of several girls that live on the small street.

"She was always walking up and down the block with them," she said Wednesday morning. "She was always kind of dragging (her little sister) around."



► Four family members are dead after a fire in this home Tuesday.

Although she didn't know the family well, Daniels was saddened when told of the deaths.

"It's honestly heartbreaking,"

she said.

The home belonged to Fayza's parents, Zebunesa Sadiq and Hamid Farooq. Fayza's sister, who

media have reported was named Alisa, was two years old.

"These type of fires are always very hard ... very toxic because of

"They would always be saying something to me when I'd be heading out to my car, whether it was just 'Hi Bryce' or whatever. If I had my dog, they would always ask if they could walk her."

NEIGHBOUR BRYCE DANIELS

the plastic, the way the fire moved so quickly," Alex Forrest, head of the city's firefighters union, said Wednesday.

"That's one of the reasons why this fire trapped these individuals. It was a very tough fire. Normally, in this type of building, firefighters may not even have gone in, but given the fact that there were life situations, they put their own lives on the line to go in to rescue the individuals."

The blaze was extinguished by firefighters just before 9:30 p.m. Damage is estimated at \$80,000.

● SHANE GIBSON AND ELISHA DACEY
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Cat just wants a place to call home

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Hey, Winnipeg kitty lovers, Toby the cat needs a new home.

He's been a fixture at Riverview Health Centre for several years, but his owner, Ruth, died in 2010. An employee at the centre, DJ Beattie, said he's been trying to find Toby a new

home since the new boss said he had to go.

"When I asked the (patient care manager) what was going to happen to Toby (after Ruth died), she told me that he would be staying put," said Beattie.

Now, said Beattie, the new patient care manager isn't able to keep paying for Toby's care.

"This cat has served as an unofficial 'therapy animal' for many years, and I don't think he deserves to (be placed in a shelter) and maybe euthanized," said Beattie. "He's loved by a lot of people."

Anyone wanting to adopt Toby can call Riverview Health Centre at 478-6203.



► Toby

Arrest in home-invasion beating of grandmother

► Suspect nabbed in library Tuesday



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Police have made an arrest after a home invasion left an 88-year-old grandmother in hospital.

Police were called to a break-and-enter in progress at an apartment in the 1000 block of Henderson Highway around 6 p.m. on Jan. 21.

Police said a man forced entry into the residence and demanded money. He struck the victim, stepped on her chest and left her bloody before searching the home for property.

He made off with cash and the victim was taken to hospital.

Police have charged Daniel Andrew Campbell, 22, with aggravated assault, breaking-and-entering, rob-

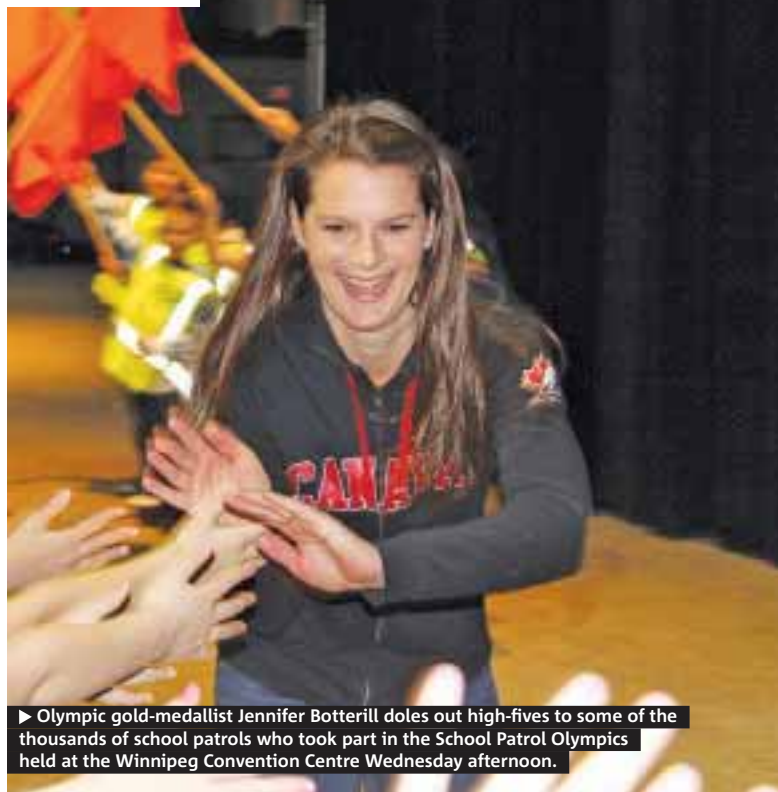
bery with violence and four counts of breaching probation. He has been detained.

Police said the man is also a suspect in a strong-arm robbery that happened downtown on Jan. 11. A 65-year-old woman was walking near Edmonton Street and Webb Place when a man stole her purse.

The 88-year-old's family released a statement Wednesday thanking residents, police and Health Sciences Centre.

"The family of Lena Stetwick would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concern over our mother's recovery from the terrible assault and injuries she incurred. Especially ... the residents of her apartment block who first came to her aid and called 911," the statement said.

High-five. Line



► Olympic gold-medallist Jennifer Botterill doles out high-fives to some of the thousands of school patrols who took part in the School Patrol Olympics held at the Winnipeg Convention Centre Wednesday afternoon.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Celebrating 75 years of safety

Olympian Jennifer Botterill and athletes from the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and the Winnipeg Goldeyes joined patrols from Winnipeg and across the province to celebrate the School Safety Patrol Program's 75th anniversary.

Man charged in city's first murder of 2012

Winnipeg police have made an arrest in the city's first homicide of 2012.

Teklu Tesfamichael Mebrahtu, 32, has been charged after his 34-year-old wife, Alche Fsehaye Kidane, was stabbed to death in their apartment Monday.

Police responding to an apartment building in the 300 block of Assiniboine Avenue around 10:10 p.m. Monday found the suspect and victim, who was suffering serious stab wounds to her upper body. The suspect was taken into custody

and the victim was taken to hospital, where she died.

The investigation, led by the homicide unit, revealed the victim was stabbed following an argument in the suite, but police would not go into more detail about the crime. ● SHANE GIBSON

News in brief

Police seize dozens of dogs

ST. ANDREWS. Dozens of dogs have been seized from an alleged puppy mill near Winnipeg.

RCMP and provincial animal-services officers took 71 animals Tuesday

night from a property in the St. Andrews area, north of the city.

The dogs were loaded from a barn onto trailers and taken to the Winnipeg Humane Society for examination.

The site was reportedly being used to breed American bulldogs and lhasa apsos. The seizure is considered one of the largest in Manitoba in recent years. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Kenaston expansion approved

Winnipeg city council voted Wednesday to expand Kenaston Boulevard between Taylor and Ness avenues from four lanes to six. The expansion will likely see the city purchasing at least 45 homes in order to widen the route, but the expansion will not happen until the Kapyong Barracks matter has finished going through the courts, which is now in its fifth year.

The plan was green-lighted a few weeks ago by the city's infrastructure and public works committee, passing by a vote of 3-1, with Coun. Jenny Gerbasi voting against.

"I'm concerned about the sustainability of our city," explained Gerbasi afterwards. "I think transit should have been given more attention in all of this."

"We need to get people out of their cars and give them alternatives."

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PUBLIC TRANSIT

Council mulls other revenue sources

Wednesday's City of Winnipeg council meeting saw at least one councillor try to find another way to pay for rapid transit.

Coun. Jenny Gerbasi asked Mayor Sam Katz if revenue for the improvement of Winnipeg Tran-

sit could come from sources other than the 20-cent fare increase the city currently plans to levy on riders.

The mayor said he plans to meet with Premier Greg Selinger to discuss the matter, as the province is the only source of funding other than raising property taxes. Katz said all citizens pay for transit through taxation, whether they ride the bus or not.

The deadline to find alternative sources of revenue is March 31.

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consultation set to begin

Winnipeggers have the chance to have their say on the 2012 operating budget through an online survey, blog or at roundtable discussions on Jan. 31.

The public consultation session will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in Room 5 on the main floor of the

Winnipeg Convention Centre.

A link to the online blog and online survey can be found at the City of Winnipeg website at winnipeg.ca.

The operating budget allocates funding for city resources such as police, fire and paramedic services, water treatment, garbage collection, road construction and maintenance, libraries, and community centres.

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Home fire closes Maryland Street

ELISHA DACEY/METRO

Maryland Street was closed down Wednesday morning after a fire broke out in an apartment above a store.

The fire started just before 9 a.m. Wednesday above the Maryland Food Store on the corner of Maryland Street and Wellington Avenue.

A woman at the scene said she was walking her son to school when a window on the upper floor of the two-storey building blew out.

"There was lots of smoke," she said, adding she was told the fire was started by a cigarette in a sofa.

There appeared to be no injuries and firefighters had extinguished the blaze by 9:15.

There was no immediate official word on a cause, but initial reports put the damage estimate at \$50,000. The investigation continues. ● ELISHA DACEY



► Firefighters work at the scene where a fire broke out over a convenience store Wednesday morning.

Council divided on bike path

► Coun. Eadie voices concerns about fast-tracking construction in order to meet federal guidelines

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Wednesday's city council meeting showed councillors remain divided on the impact of the Assiniboine Bikeway.

While council agreed with a City of Winnipeg auditor's report from last week stating there was a lack of public consultation for the project, councillors couldn't agree on the necessity of the project.

Coun. Jenny Gerbasi said area residents have told her the bikeway has lowered the amount of traffic in the area and has provided residents with a vital transportation service.

"It would have been undemocratic to let a project like this be hijacked by a small group of people" who are opposed to it, she said.

The bikeway, part of a citywide bike-and-pedestrian pathway upgrade, runs along Assiniboine Avenue and affects traffic flow on the street.

Barbara Judt, executive officer of Osborne House, told council the project has had a negative impact on her agency in terms of access.

"It's great to have active transit, but not in this area because it doesn't work," said Judt.

Coun. John Orlikow agreed, adding he wasn't

sure the community had been made fully aware of the project.

"Going through the process of communication is one thing, but you have to make sure that it engages," said Orlikow, adding if motorists had been informed that there was going to be a redirection of traffic flow, the project would have received more public attention.

"No one likes to be surprised," he said.

The Assiniboine Bikeway is part of a \$20-million stimulus by the federal government for city improvement projects. The fate of the project has been put forward to a future council meeting.

Finally. Open



► 'Peggys get their first chance at walking on the Assiniboine River trail after it was finally opened this week. Mild weather delayed the opening.

CHRIS D. CA

City needs library funding: Councillor

Winnipeg council was told Wednesday that city libraries are in dire need of more funding.

Coun. Ross Eadie and Harvey Smith told council that funding for Winnipeg libraries to purchase materials is the lowest in the country.

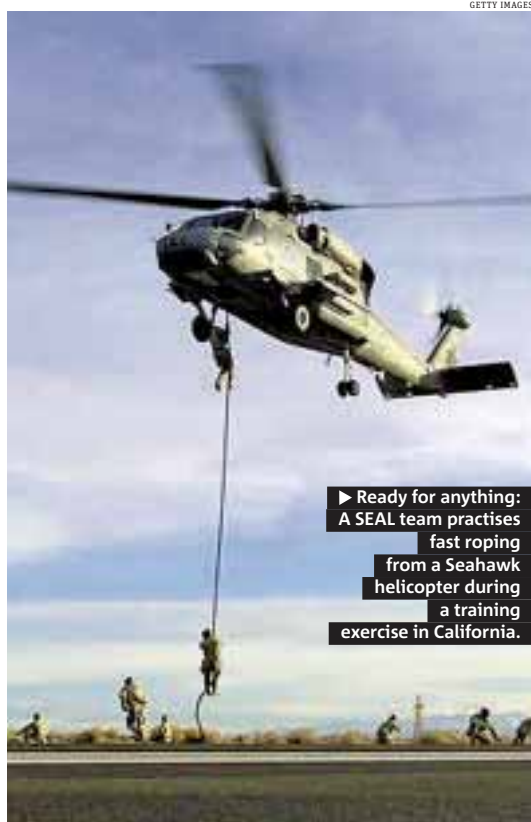
Mayor Sam Katz pointed the finger, saying it's difficult to generate more money for city libraries because funding from the province is insufficient.

● ELISHA DACEY

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The city spends \$4.32 per capita on library materials whereas cities in the rest of Canada receive, on average, \$6.39 per capita, according to Coun. Ross Eadie.

Walk on the Assiniboine



► Ready for anything: A SEAL team practises fast roping from a Seahawk helicopter during a training exercise in California.

SEAL-ed!

► Same U.S. team that killed Osama bin Laden rescues hostages in daring raid into Somalia

They did it again!

The crack U.S. Navy SEAL team that killed Osama bin Laden parachuted into Somalia under the cover of darkness early Wednesday and scored another bold triumph.

They crept up to an outdoor camp where an American woman and Danish man were being held hostage.

Soon, nine kidnappers were dead — and both hostages were freed.

U.S. President Barack Obama authorized the mission by SEAL Team Six two days earlier. And minutes after he gave his State of the Union address to Congress, he was on the phone with the Ameri-

can's father to tell him his daughter was safe.

Held captive since last fall, American Jessica Buchanan, 32, and Poul Hagen Thisted, a 60-year-old Dane, were soon safely on their way home.

It was the second splashy SEAL Team Six success in less than a year, following last May's killing of bin Laden in Pakistan.



"The United States will not tolerate the abduction of our people and will spare no effort to secure the safety of our citizens and to bring their captors to justice."

U.S. PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

The Pentagon was tight-lipped about details Wednesday, citing a need to preserve the secrecy that can give SEALs an edge against terrorists, criminals and others they are ordered to kill or capture.

Special operations forces, trained for clandestine, small-team missions, have become a more

prominent tool in the military's kit since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. The Obama administration is expected to announce on Thursday it will invest even more heavily in them.

The raid happened near the town of Adado.

The U.S. raiders caught the kidnappers as they slept after having chewed the narcotic leaf qat for much of the evening, a pirate who gave his name as Bile Hussein told The Associated Press by phone.

Pentagon press secretary George Little said the captors were heavily armed and had "explosives nearby" when the rescuers arrived.

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► Freed: Thisted and Buchanan.

Need a fast terror takedown? Call Team Six

SEAL Team Six is officially known as the Naval Special Warfare Development Group.

It is one of the U.S. military's elite special-mission units that carry out clandestine operations such as last May's raid that killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin

Laden in Pakistan.

SEAL Team Six was first developed to be a maritime-focused hostage-rescue force — the seabound counterpart to the army's 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment Delta.

Both were established

Dark memory

► The successful Somalia rescue helps erase a dark moment for the team — when British hostage Linda Norgrove was accidentally killed during a rescue bid in Afghanistan in 2010.

to build U.S. military expertise after the failed rescue attempt to retrieve 53 American hostages being held in Iran in 1980.

After the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington, SEAL Team Six and Delta became best

known for going after high-value terrorist suspects across the Middle East and Asia.

While SEAL Team Six is known for the bin Laden raid, Delta is best known for tracking down the fugitive Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, his sons and

top al-Qaida targets in Iraq.

Both units are members of the military's elite Joint Special Operations Command and number just a few hundred.

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Son 'stupid' but not killer: Lawyer

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► Defence pleads with jury to end Shafia family's 'Kafkaesque' ordeal

A young man accused of killing his three sisters and the first of his father's two wives is only guilty of being "stupid" and "morally blameworthy," but neither he nor his co-accused parents deserve to be in this "Kafkaesque" scenario, court heard Wednesday.

Hamed Shafia, 21, and his parents Mohammad Shafia, 58, and Tooba Yahya, 42, are on trial for four counts each of first-degree murder, accused by the Crown of killing their four female relatives in a so-called honour killing. They have pleaded not guilty.

Four months after the family's July 22, 2009, arrests, Hamed told a university student hired on the sly by Shafia as a private investigator that he was there when the car went in the canal. He said he had followed them from the motel as a concerned brother.

He rear-ended them near the scene, he said, and while he was picking up pieces of headlight he heard a splash and ran to

Crime scene

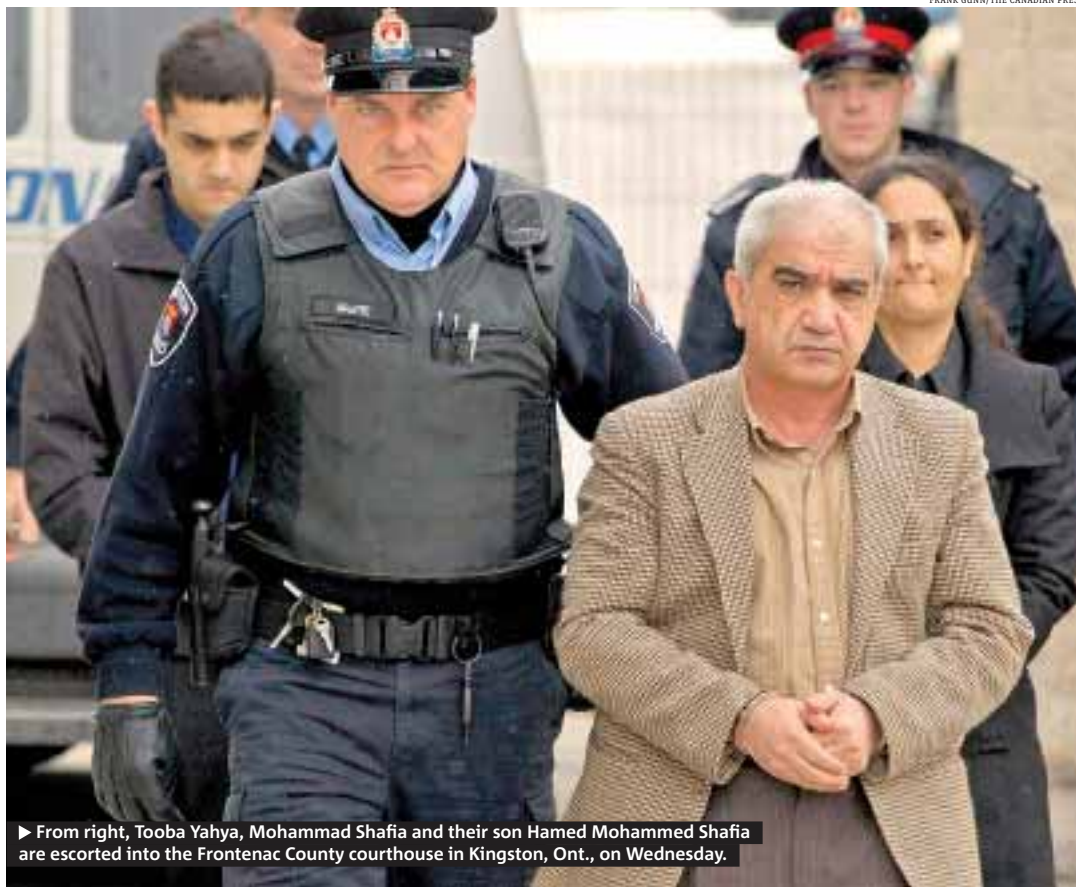
► The Crown alleges the girls and their mother were dead, or at least incapacitated, before they went into the canal. It's been suggested by the defence that the Crown theory is the four people were drowned in one of the other areas of open water around the scene, then placed in the car.

► Hamed Shafia's lawyer Patrick McCann, as well as the lawyers for his parents who addressed the jury Tuesday, scoffed at that notion. "How would it be done?" McCann said. "Just the practicality of doing it, it's implausible."

the edge of the canal.

He called their names and dangled a rope in the water, but seeing no signs of life he eventually drove through the night home to Montreal without alerting police, he said.

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► From right, Tooba Yahya, Mohammad Shafia and their son Hamed Mohammed Shafia are escorted into the Frontenac County courthouse in Kingston, Ont., on Wednesday.

Cat in the cockpit delays flight by 4 hours

PHILIP CROUCHER
IN HALIFAX

Forget about snakes on a plane. A pesky feline left airport officials in Halifax scratching their heads Wednesday.

An Air Canada flight from Halifax to Toronto scheduled to depart at 5:30 a.m. was delayed for more than four hours after a cat escaped from its owner's carrier prior to takeoff, then made itself comfort-

able inside the cockpit by squeezing inside some panels near wiring.

"We'll see a movie come out of this one," joked Halifax Stanfield International Airport spokesman Peter Spurway.

With the cat refusing to come out, Spurway said the decision was made by Air Canada to stop boarding the flight and passengers on the plane had to go back into the waiting area. Main-



► Ripples, the cat who escaped from a crate onboard an Air Canada flight from Halifax to Toronto.

tenance workers then came on scene to remove panels and disassemble part of the cockpit before the cat was retrieved, unharmed.

"They (then) checked all the wiring where the cat had been to make sure there was no damage and (the wiring was) connected properly," Spurway said. "They then put the panels back on, put the passengers back on the plane and then they left at about 10 a.m."

"It's a first for me and I haven't run into anybody yet who has heard of this before."

HALIFAX STANFIELD
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
SPOKESMAN PETER SPURWAY

Spurway "presumed" the woman who had carried the cat onto the plane was back on it with her animal.

Online profiling a reality: Privacy czar

Ontario's privacy commissioner says people's perceptions of their privacy and anonymity online fall far short of reality.

Dr. Ann Cavoukian says

seemingly unrelated pieces of information that people share about themselves online may now be linked together to create a detailed profile. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cocaine in fruit leads to charges

Six southern Ontario residents have been charged after drugs were found in fruit shipments in New Brunswick and Windsor,



Ont. The RCMP say the investigation started when border officials seized a marine container in Saint John, N.B., last August and found 19 kilograms of cocaine in hollowed-out pineapples.

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Budget to reflect aboriginal priorities

The coming budget will be consistent with the priorities agreed to by aboriginal leaders and the federal government, Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Duncan

said Wednesday.

A pledge was made during talks this week to move forward with recommendations on education reform. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Google's data plans draw fire

► Company could use the information for targeted advertising ► Critics say the new move violates privacy



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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

Google's announcement that it will merge a user's data across its websites into one profile has sparked accusations that the web giant could be breaching people's privacy.

Under plans to come in force on March 1, a person's search results across all Google products, including search, Gmail, Google+ and YouTube, will be collected into one single database, which the company could use for its targeted advertising. For example, if you watched a YouTube video clip of Manchester United,

ads of Man United tickets could appear in your Gmail or Google+ account.

But critics see this new policy as very worrying, suggesting for example a person's confidential details on health and lifestyle could be saved in Google's bank of data and used across its websites.

Google claims that the new privacy policy will give the company a better idea of what users are interested to know when they search online.

The plan will "mean a simpler, more intuitive Google experience," Alma Whitten, Google's director of privacy, product and engineering, wrote in a blog post.

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As a Boston Bruins fan this might just be the Stanley Cup champagne talking, but it's possible I'm the only left-leaning person who's OK with goaltender Tim Thomas showing he also likes to play right wing. In case you're exhibiting concussion-like symptoms and don't know what I'm talking about: The Boston Bruins were invited to the White House this week, but their MVP Thomas decided to stay away and have a Tea Party instead.

In a statement that showed he likes capitalization more than the Capitol, he said that the U.S. government had "grown out of control" and that he had made his decision "as an INDIVIDUAL."

The media's reaction? Well, you think the Gadhafis were harshly criticized ...

To be fair, Thomas' statement was vague, which left it open to interpretation. A reader might guess that he doesn't recognize the divine provenance of the Los Angeles Kings, believes it's his right to defend his crease with a gun, and thinks that Mario Lemieux is the best Freedom-Canadian player ever.

Here's what some media members actually said: He should turn in his U.S. medal from the Olympics. He hates the troops. And he may be a racist. All this while most were mocking his views as extreme.

The only people who seemed to support him were right-wingers who were happy to pile onto Obama.

It's an interesting thing to discover that one of your heroes is your political opposite. It's a bit like discovering that Stephen Hawking has a Confederate flag in his bedroom or Rowlf the Dog is a Scientologist. You admire them for reasons totally beyond what their politics are, and you're not sure how to process it when given the new information.

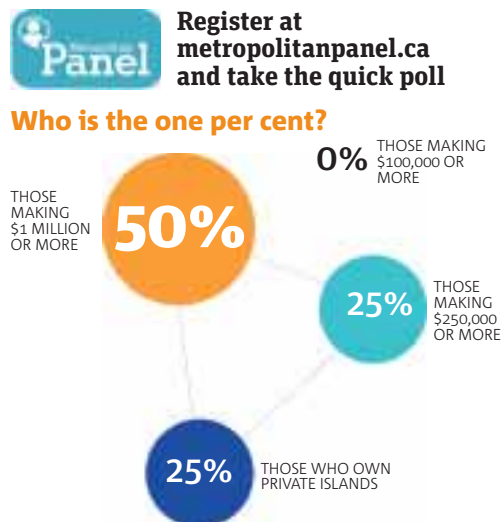
Fortunately for me, I'm a militant free-speech guy (and God knows I've got enough friends who are part of the flu-shots-kill-but-bin-Laden's-alive extreme left.)

I've got a good head start with cognitive dissonance, because I have two other heroes whom I disagree with on just about everything but who are good at what they do and live their lives with integrity. I call them "Mom" and "Dad."

So I don't care that Thomas took his stance and I would argue over a beer, rather than commiserate. In the sports realm, he's a thoughtful, polite and intelligent interview, and on the ice he's already proven he's one of the best players in the world.

Thomas has done his bit for king and country. So to speak.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays



Local tweets



@fil_Lepino: asked a girl at earlier @work if she knew what #napster or #kazaa was, had no clue. yet she knew what limewire was. #piracy #history

@marneystapley: I knew I was going to work hard when the instructor was wearing UFC hand wraps. @GoodLifeFitness #body-combat

@bella_ballss: Winnipeg, you're really windy today. Blowing me out of town are you? #ChasingTheSunset

@xxdinosaurus: Holy crap i take back what i said about the wind! its gotta be almost 100km/h right now haha holy crap!

@hailey_spence: Almost forgot to tweet that I saw a woman's wig blow off on portage

@chelsma12: should not have downloaded angry birds to my iPhone the day before my midterm. #notgonnastudy

@Beepinkerton: He's cute. He's nice. He's funny. Hes perfect for you. I didn't say a name.. But he popped into your head didn't he?



On high alert in Tahrir

One year since the revolution

CAIRO, EGYPT. Thousands of Egyptians flocked back to Tahrir Square to mark the first anniversary of the start of the revolution that ousted authoritarian leader Hosni Mubarak. But the mood in the square was far from just celebratory amid fear that violence could erupt between protesters and the military. **● MWN**

Military still calling the shots

TENSIONS. Why has there been more frustration than celebration? Tensions have been simmering between pro-democracy activists and the military. December saw nine dead and hundreds injured after a crackdown on antimilitary protesters. The military council has pledged to transfer power to a civilian government by July 1. **● MWN**

Egypt today

Islamists coming to fore: Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party wins last week's lower-house election.

Ailing Mubarak in the dock: Ex-leader's trial on corruption and ordering deaths of protesters continues.

Keeping it clean for kids

► Former Full House star Dave Coulier sticking to his comedy roots ► Catch him at Rumor's

BACKSTAGE PASS

JARED STORY
METRO WINNIPEG



Unlike his Full House co-star Bob Saget, comedian Dave Coulier works clean.

"I came up the ranks of The Tonight Show and wanting to do stand-up on television and you didn't get on TV if you were dirty back then," Coulier, 52, says. "That just never left me. It's just my brand of humour."

Best known for his eight seasons on the mega-popular ABC family sitcom, it would be shocking if everybody's favourite Uncle Joey was anything but clean.

"So many people have come up to me over the years and said stuff like



► Dave Coulier is performing at Rumor's Restaurant and Comedy Club from Jan. 26 to Jan. 28.

Other events

Missed out on Coulier tickets? Can't afford the upcoming Jeff Ross or Danny Bhoj concerts?

► **Comedy** Have no fear, free comedy is here. Comedy at The Cavern goes down every Sunday night. Hosted by local stand-up John B. Duff, the weekly open mic features the best in Winnipeg comedy. Sign-up starts at 9 pm sharp. Showtime is 9:30 pm.

"Hey, thanks for not swearing. I was here with my parents on their anniversary and they weren't embarrassed," Coulier says. "When you hear that enough times it doesn't take a genius to know you should be providing that option for people."

Still, the Michigan-born, L.A.-based comic stresses he isn't above being blue.

"I'm not a prude by any sense," Coulier says. "When I'm in the locker room with the boys (Coulier participates in Detroit Red Wings charity events) I can sound like a sailor, but there's a time and a place. I love the George Carlin's and the Chris Rock's of the world, but that's just not my style."

Coulier's style isn't just sanitary, it's also very

eclectic. In addition to traditional stand-up, his act is made up of music, storytelling, sound effects and of course, impressions. Full House fans will remember his Bullwinkle imitation, but Coulier's favourite voices are slightly more obscure.

"A lot of people don't know that Albert Brooks and Bob Einstein (best known as fictional stuntman Super Dave Osborne)

are brothers," Coulier says. "I do this little thing where Bob's conversing with his brother and basically telling him his real name is Albert Einstein."

Coulier's impersonates the sibling's perfectly. But you'll have to take my word for it. At print deadline, we were notified that Coulier sold out his upcoming shows (Jan. 26-28) at Rumor's Restaurant and Comedy Club.



Garth Brooks



An Oklahoma hospital in Garth Brooks' hometown must pay \$1 million to the country singer because it failed to build a women's health centre in honour of his late mother, jurors ruled Tuesday evening. Jurors ruled that the hospital must return a \$500,000 donation to Brooks plus pay him \$500,000 in punitive damages in Brooks' breach-of-contract lawsuit against Integris Canadian Valley Regional Hospital in Yukon.

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No need to talk about Kevin

► Previous winner, Swinton not fazed by Oscar snub for We Need to Talk About Kevin role

Tilda Swinton wasn't nominated for an Academy Award for her role in We Need to Talk About Kevin, but she wasn't sad after hearing the news.

"I wasn't disappointed. I didn't know for hours, but someone was telling me apparently everyone else was disappointed. I had very low expectations, so

perhaps my expectations were a bit lower than everybody else," the 51-year-old actress said Tuesday at an event celebrating Here, a short film starring supermodel Agyness Deyn that Swinton conceived for Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc.'s Luxury Collection brand.

"I am a good gambler,

so I knew we were not really going to be in there," she said.

Swinton took home an Oscar in 2008 for best supporting actress for Michael Clayton.

This time, she not only starred in We Need to Talk about Kevin, but also served as an executive producer. Swinton was nomi-

nated for a Golden Globe for her role in the film, and she said being nominated for any major award was a win for the movie.

"This is a film that was put out by a tiny distributor who doesn't have the money to put ads on the sides of buses or television ads."

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'Graceland' revisited: Sundance doc traces success, fallout of Paul Simon's smash album

Valentine's day wedding bells?

Britney Spears and fiancé Jason Trawick are reportedly planning to get married on Valentine's Day in Maui, according to Hollyscoop.

And just in time for her to tie the knot, Spears' dad is reportedly ready to end his conservatorship, which leaves him in control of decisions affecting her personal and professional life.

"Jamie wants to go to court in early February so Britney will be a free woman in every sense when she marries," a source says, though some predict that the conservatorship will remain in effect for her business affairs.

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Did Demi suffer seizure?

► Embattled star enters rehab ► Report claims she's being treated for anorexia

THE WORD

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Demi Moore has entered rehab after being rushed to the hospital Monday night for an alleged prescription pill overdose, according to TMZ.

Despite a frantic 911 call and an ambulance dispatched to Moore's home, the actress' reps insist Moore's trip to rehab is for "exhaustion" and nothing more.

"Because of the stresses in her life right now, Demi has chosen to seek professional assistance to treat her exhaustion and improve her overall health," her reps say in a statement.

"She looks forward to getting well and is grateful for the support of her family and friends."

Radar Online reports that actually, Moore had a seizure before she was rushed to the hospital and is now being treated "for anorexia, as well as other issues," a source told the site.

Meanwhile, on the same night she had her breakdown, her estranged husband, Ashton Kutcher, was seen partying with a bevy of beauties at a Bruno Mars concert in Brazil.

It's interesting, isn't it? We spend a lot of time (and editorial space) idolizing these celebrities. We're green-eyed about their wealth, beauty and success.

But whoa — when they crash, they really, really crash. We might not be as thin or as rich, but we normals seem to be able to handle life's problems with a bit more ease.

And really, Demi. Don't let someone as dumb as Ashton Kutcher bring you down. You can — and will — do better.



► Demi Moore

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Behind Heidi Klum's decision



► Seal and Heidi

Heidi Klum's decision to separate from husband Seal was apparently motivated by wanting to escape his "diva" behav-

iour, according to Hollywood Life.

"Heidi's first priority has always been her marriage, but she felt like Seal wasn't meeting her halfway," a source says.

"She had to take drastic measures to show Seal she wouldn't put up with his behaviour anymore. Raising happy and healthy kids is now her No. 1 priority."

The source adds that

divorce might not actually be inevitable at this point.

"I could see Heidi threatening Seal with a divorce because he thought she would never do such a thing," the source says.

"This may push Seal to finally get the help he needs to deal with his temper in a more constructive manner."

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Stockholm: Sheer simplicity



Brazil: Runway finale beauty

Worldwide fashion weeks

- On any given day, somewhere in the world, a fashion week is likely taking place
- We look some of the weird, random and genuinely cool ones

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

The month of runway shows in the big four fashion capitals are just a week away. But New York, London, Milan and Paris are hardly the only cities to put their local talent on show. With each year, the calendar of global fashion weeks seems to multiply with a runway show taking place for every scene you could possibly imagine. Because even dogs deserve a chance to strike a pose.

THE WACKY

New York Pet Fashion Week

Manhattan is a city filled with doggie spas, so it's sadly not surprising that it would be home to a fashion week devoted to fashionable four-legged Prada lovers. It's a reality television series waiting to happen with painfully pruned pooches in bows, crash helmets, sunglasses, floral skirts and even full tuxedos — probably cursing their owners as they trot down the runway.

China Fashion Week

The dramatic effects such as smoke and lighting displays are worthy of a Broadway musical. The costumes range from traditional-inspired robes to sci-fi-style looks of Lady Gaga proportions. We mean a birdcage

on a model's head.

CRAZY

Colombia Moda Para El Mundo

This one is the trashy sister fashion week of Colombia Moda. That means plenty of silicon boob implants, bootylicious bums and bursting bee-stung lips. Did we mention that the most recent Colombia Moda Para El Mundo even saw a pile of fake cocaine on the runway?

Russian Fashion week

Considering that the country is known for the export of vodka, oil oligarchs and fur-clad brides, it would be a mistake to expect Russia

to have a low-key week of fashion. Take the designer YanaStasia, who turned the runway into a playground for gymnastics, a mock marriage proposal and dancing kids. See?

LEGITIMATELY COOL

Stockholm and Copenhagen Fashion Weeks

The Scandinavian brands seem to have a knack for simplicity. The obvious examples are Acne and Cheap Monday. But there's also a crop of new designers such as Odd Molly and Dagmar, showing that there's more to Swedish fashion than just

denim. Across the border in Denmark, Anne Sofie Madsen, who worked with creative geniuses John Galiano and Alexander McQueen, is proving to be a real trailblazer.

Istanbul Fashion Week

With its rich history and traditions, it's not surprising that Istanbul Fashion Week is showing its might. Two such names are Atil Kutoglu, who can name-drop Naomi Campbell as a client, and Arzu Kaprol, who has already debuted a collection in Paris. With its heritage meets European aesthetic and burgeoning economy, Turkey has the potential to become a fashion empire.

Trend of the week



Winter whites

We've not only been spotting white jeans on the streets of London and New York but on many an editor during the men's runway shows in Milan this past month.. **MWN**



Toronto-based Wesley Badanjak named new designer for Basch label



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Tips for tiling a cool kitchen backsplash

► It's always more fun to throw half-cooked spaghetti at shiny new tiles

If your kitchen needs an update but you don't have the time or money to spend on a complete renovation, brighten it up with a backsplash. Not only will

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it add texture and colour,

but it will help protect the walls from water, food and grease damage.

In every episode of Kitchen Impossible, host Marc Bartolomeo helps

homeowners turn their kitchen makeover fantasies into realities.

Here's a few tips on how to tile your kitchen backsplash.

Surface preparation

Be sure that the drywall is secure. Fill any nicks or low spots by patching with drywall compound and sand to level.

Wipe the wall to ensure that the surface is free of dust, oil and residue. This guarantees a strong adhesive bond between the wall and tile.

Determine where to start

Measure the installation site to determine how many tiles you will need to purchase, as well as to locate the best place to start tiling.

It is best to hide cuts in corners and under cabinets, leaving the full tiles in areas that will draw the most attention.

Apply mortar

Begin spreading the glue or mortar with the flat side of a trowel to ensure good adhesion. Using the notched side of the trowel, go over the glue to remove any excess.

The size of the notches will be determined by the thickness of the tile, so be

sure to check the manufacturer's recommendations.

Install tiles

Begin installing the first tile or sheet by working off the countertop surface. This will ensure the installation is level because the countertops would have been leveled when installed.

Place tiles in position as close as possible to avoid sliding tiles into place in the mortar.

Tap each tile once with a rubber mallet to ensure they have adhered properly to the mortar.

Make cuts

A dry cutter, wet saw or tile nippers may be used to fit around electrical boxes, cabinets, etc.

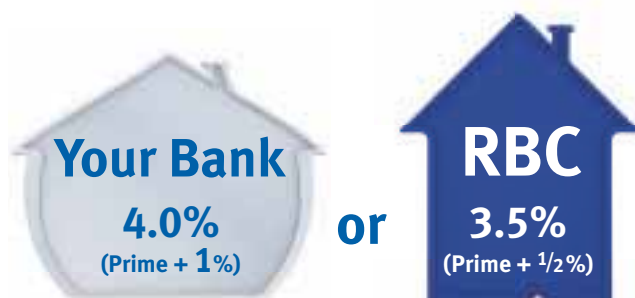
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► A good backsplash will protect your kitchen walls from water, food and grease damage — as well as sticky fingers.

Weekly Cookbook

Bake Something Great!



Cookies, bars and squares are ultimate comfort foods. With that idea in mind, Jill Snider created her Bake Something Great! cookbook (Robert Rose, 2011). It boasts 400 recipes for goodies such as Frosted Carrot Nut Bars, Cinnamon Raspberry Stacks, Rum Balls and Key Lime Coconut Macaroons.

Both novices and experienced bakers will find Bake Something Great! easy to use thanks to its directions complete with tips and variations. It is split into chapters that include Chocolate Bars and Squares, Drop Cookies, Shortbread, Shaped Cookies and Biscotti and more.

Bars you'll want to get behind

► These yummy Apple Bars are a tasty alternative to pre-packaged, store-bought ones

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Looking for a yummy dessert or addition to your kids' lunch bag to serve during these cold months?

Apples are a great way to go. This apple-based bar has the texture of a chewy brownie and goes well with a scoop of your favourite ice cream or yogurt for an extra special treat.

Preparation:

1 Topping: Peel, core and slice the apples about 1.25 cm (1/2-inch) thick. In a bowl, mix the sugar with cinnamon; add apples and toss to coat evenly. Set aside.

2 Cake: In a large bowl and using electric mixer, beat the butter with sugar for about 1 minute. Beat in the eggs and vanilla until smooth.

3 In another bowl, whisk together the flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda and salt; slowly beat into the

Apple Bars



► This recipe makes 12 bars.

butter mixture at medium speed until well blended. Spread in greased 2.5 l (9-inch) square cake pan.

4 Drain any juices from apples that might have accumulated. Arrange the apples on top in four rows, slightly

pressing into batter. Bake the mixture in a 180 C (350 F) oven for about 40 minutes or until cake tester comes out clean. Let pan cool on rack.

5 Icing: In a bowl, stir the icing sugar, milk and vanilla until smooth;

thin with additional milk if needed. Drizzle over cake.

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Ingredients:

Apple Topping

- 2 large apples (such as Empire, McIntosh or Cortland)
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) granulated sugar
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cinnamon

Cake

- 75 ml (1/3 cup) butter, softened
- 250 ml (1 cup) packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) all-purpose flour
- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) ground cinnamon
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) baking powder
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) baking soda
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt

Icing (optional)

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) icing sugar, sifted
- 10 to 15 ml (2 to 3 tsp) 2% milk or 5% light cream
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) vanilla

► Sweet mingles with salty in delicious breakfast bars ► They're packed with flax seeds, almonds and more

Not only are these bars a healthy treat with the flavourful taste of almond butter and the crunch of whole almonds, but they're also an upper-body work-

out. Just like your morning routine, these bars are quick and easy to throw together, and take a bit of muscle power to pack tightly into shape.

Preparation:

1 Lightly coat a 9"x13" baking dish with non-stick cooking spray. In a large mixing bowl, gently toss the oats, rice, flax seeds,

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and almonds to combine.

2 In small saucepan, combine the fine sea salt, sugars, oils, honey, and almond butter. Bring to a simmer over medium-high, whisking any lumps of almond butter smooth, and cook for 2-3 minutes. Slowly pour mixture over dry ingredients while stirring; continue to stir until all of the ingredients are evenly coated.

3 Transfer entire mixture to prepared pan and firmly

press into pan while still warm, taking care to evenly distribute whole almonds. Once evenly pressed into pan, sprinkle with 2 to 3 pinches of coarse sea salt and press perfectly flat (using a flat-sided meat tenderizer can be helpful, but not necessary). Let cool to room temperature.

4 Using a ruler, measure and score the bars in half lengthwise to approximately 4 1/2" in length, and 1 1/2" crosswise to make 16 bars; cut bars following

scored lines. Trim edges if desired. Store in an airtight container up to one week.

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Sweet & Salty Breakfast Bars



► This recipe makes 16 bars.

Ingredients:

- 3 cups (750 mL) rolled oats
- 4 cups (1 L) puffed rice (brown rice recommended)
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) flax seeds
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) whole natural almonds
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) fine sea salt
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) light brown sugar
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) maple sugar
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) almond oil
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) canola oil
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) plus 2 tsp (30 mL) honey
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) almond butter
- Coarse sea salt, for topping

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THE HOCKEY NEWS

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It’s looking less and less likely the Winnipeg Jets will make the playoffs this season.

They may only be five points out right now, but that hole is vastly larger than it seems. The current points system is designed to make playoff races look closer than they actually are; when teams can lose and still earn a point, it’s very difficult to make up ground.

Last year seven of the East’s top eight teams at the all-star break made the playoffs.

If the Jets do miss out, there are parts of the schedule you can point to as the reason why. It’s not the sluggish start in October. It’s not the awful January that cancelled out an excellent December. Though those certainly contributed.

Simply put, the Jets lay an egg every time they play on back-to-back nights. And don’t let them or anyone else tell you the awkward divisional alignment is to blame.

After Tuesday’s 3-0 loss to the Rangers — which the Jets actually played half-decent in, but were robbed by the best goalie in the game — Winnipeg’s record in the



► Brandon Dubinsky of the Rangers controls the puck against the Winnipeg Jets in New York on Tuesday.

second half of back-to-back games dropped to 0-8. And in those games they’ve been outscored 34-6.

Ouch.

But it’s not as though the overnight travel in those games has been overly demanding. Included in those back-to-backs were trips from New Jersey to New York, Montreal to Toronto and even one where they played at home on consecutive nights. Only once was there a trip that

could be considered onerous, when they travelled from Winnipeg to Detroit in early December.

Only one other team, the Dallas Stars, have gone 0-for in this situation. The next worst team has managed to accumulate three points in the second half of back-to-back nights, with a couple teams having earned four. If the Jets even reached this minimum requirement they’d be one or two points out of the top

eight and have a much more realistic chance of finishing in the playoffs.

There’s really no excuse for being this abysmal and being outscored as profoundly as the Jets have in this scenario.

Each and every one of the 82 games played throughout the season is incredibly important to a team’s playoff fate and you can’t afford to take a night off. Not only have the Jets taken one night off — it

seems they’ve taken eight.

And they have six more of these nights left in the season. Travelling from Washington to Nashville in late-March will be the worst part of the schedule, but they’ll mostly be making short jaunts from one city to the next.

If they don’t earn points — and lots of them — in these games starting now, there is no doubt the Jets will still be on the outside looking in come April.

Plenty of all-star firsts in Ottawa

► Eighteen all-star rookies heading to big game, reflecting a season of surprise performances

Dennis Wideman thought he’d been traded. Scott Hartnell worried he’d be facing a suspension.

What both men failed to consider was that their phone was ringing with an invitation to Sunday’s NHL’s all-star game at Scotiabank Place.

Wideman is among the most anonymous invitees. A seven-year pro, the Washington Capitals defenceman is in the midst of a career season, but got nerv-

ous when general manager George McPhee called him earlier this month to deliver what turned out to be great news.

“When he called me, I was like, ‘Aw man, where am I going now?’” said Wideman. “I didn’t know what was going on. But in my experience, when a GM calls you, it’s usually not good news.”

Hartnell’s first all-star invitation comes in his 11th NHL season and is recogni-



“It almost seems a little far-fetched at times.”

SCOTT HARTNELL ON PLAYING IN THE ALL-STAR GAME

tion for the great offensive season he’s put together for the Philadelphia Flyers.

The 29-year-old was

named as an injury replacement this week.

“I think of myself as a good hockey player, but you look at the all-star game and the names that have been there in the past ... and to think of yourself part of that group is hard,” Hartnell told the Philadelphia Daily News.

All but one of the league’s top-15 scorers entering play Wednesday will participate in the event.

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Neal in for Ovie

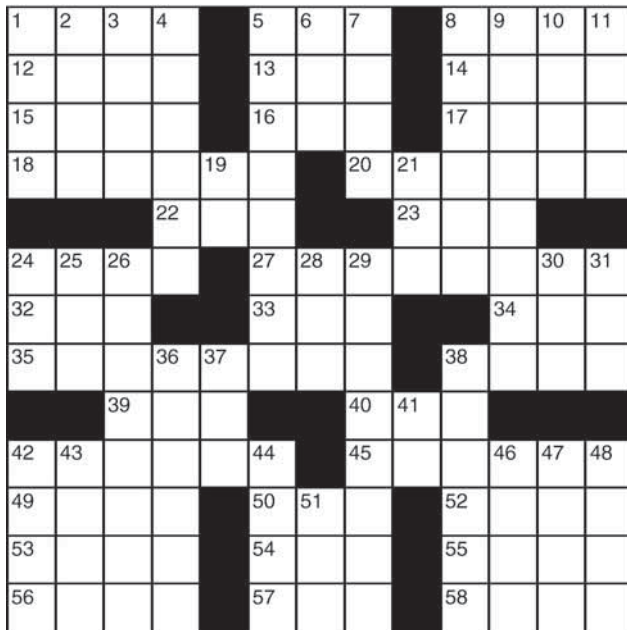
Alexander Ovechkin, who decided to pull out of the all-star game after receiving a three-game suspension, was replaced by Penguins winger James Neal on Wednesday.

► Neal, who would have been a notable omission after entering the break with 27 goals, is also an all-star rookie.

Crossword

Across

- 1 Put on layaway, perhaps
5 Fool
8 Capri or Wight
12 Appellation
13 Hockey legend Bobby
14 Blunder
15 Stonestreet of "Modern Family"
16 Keanu's "Matrix" role
17 One
18 Bounded
20 Jimmy Carter's Georgia home
22 Angry group
23 Hostel
24 React in horror
27 Loads, as software
32 Id counterpart
33 Old Olds
34 Fine, to NASA
35 Herring's cousin
38 Go back and forth
39 Fireworks response
40 Go blue?
42 French brandy
45 Fireplace area
49 Shrek is one
50 Mimic
52 Will be (Sp.)
53 Dispatch
54 Mainlander's memento
55 Not procrastinating
56 Fixes a skirt
57 Felon's flight
58 Iditarod terminus
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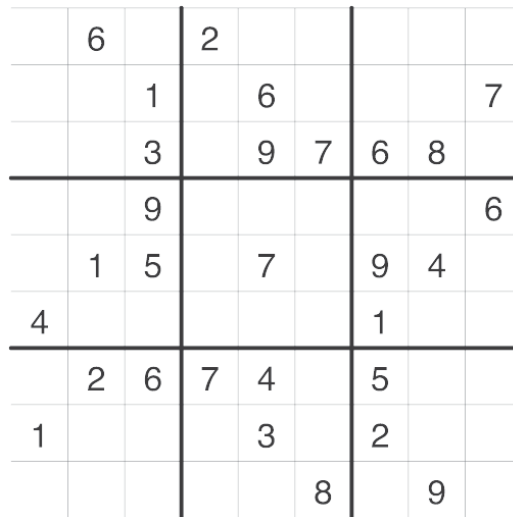


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3 Eastern potentate
4 Leave suddenly
5 Sparrow or skylark
6 Exist
7 Item on stage
8 Tropical lizard
9 New family member
10 Pork cut
11 Salamanders
19 "Forget it!"
21 Torched
24 Jewel
25 Census statistic
26 Ultrasound image
28 Born
29 Author of "Finishing the Hat"
30 Mauna —
31 The air up there
36 Sweethearts
37 "Caught ya!"
38 Spring, for one
41 "As — sow ..."
42 Brit's blackjack
43 Lecher's look
46 Gambling mecca
47 Decorate
48 Loathe
51 Shell game

► Yesterday's answer



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

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3	7	6	5	2	1	9	8	4
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7	2	4	8	1	6	3	9	5

A look at the weather

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

Don't get involved in a feud unless you know you can win it.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

Some situations change so fast that there is really no point in trying to direct events. Back off.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

Someone in a position of power will try to persuade you that a certain course of action is in your best interests. You know it isn't true.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

Today, you must ignore all of the exciting events happening in your world and focus on getting your money situation in better shape.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

Someone seems to disagree with you just about everything you say and do. Pretend he or she doesn't exist.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Take care that you don't fall out with someone in a position of authority today. It's good politics.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Libras are tougher than they sometimes look and anyone who doubts that will learn today just how resolute and committed you can be.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

For best results today, focus your energy on something creative that you can do on your own.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Partners will follow your lead today, but only if you persuade them it is in their best interests.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You will be in a charitable mood over the next 24 hours but watch out you don't give too much away.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Go with the flow today and don't worry that you can't yet see your final destination. It'll be great.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Deep questions seem to be taking up a lot of your time, and that's good. They're the questions that really matter. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Caption contest



"Spider pig! Spider pig! Hey, hey, here comes the spider pig!"
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